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Board of Trustees Meeting July 8, 2003

Trustees Present: Jim Daily, JC Zalog, Brett Stump
Trustees Absent: Kim Bonham
Staff Present: Kathy Isaacs, Village Superintendent

Vice Chair Jim Daily called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair Daily noted that there was a quorum present.

Vice Chair Daily called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Regular meeting was resumed.

Resignation

JC Zalog moved to accept Craig Page's resignation ef-

fectively immediately. Brett Stump seconded the motion, motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer JC Zalog presented the financial report. Brett Stump moved to accept the financial report as presented. Daily seconded the motion, motion carried.

Old Business

Stump stated that interviews were held and moved to hire Forrest Thompson as the new Police Chief of the Village of Indian Point. Daily seconded the motion, motion carried. Brett introduced Thompson and his wife Beth. Chief Thompson will be going door-to-door

to meet the residences and businesses in the Village.

Stump moved to accept the Policy and Procedures for the Police Chief. Zalog seconded the motion, motion carried.

Daily announced that the Ordinances will be completed by Friday and be in the Village of Indian Point office for review. The first reading of the Ordinances will be held prior to the next Trustees meeting.

Stump stated the police vehicle is almost complete and should be ready by the end of the week.

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eMail Reminder

Due to an improved mailing system, the last issue of *Smoke Signals* was delivered to more residents than ever before. This is great news, but it comes at a cost. Remember, you can save the village the cost of postage and printing by electing to receive your issue by e-mail. Just contact the office with your e-mail address and you'll be the first to receive your copy each month!

To My Neighbors

Kim Bonham, Board of Trustees Chairwoman

As some of you know, due to the serious illness of my brother, I may be missing some of the village meetings. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers at this time.

I want you to know what a great job the other trustees and staff are doing during my absence. They continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile to make meaningful improvements for Indian Point. As you read this issue of *Smoke Signals*, you will see more evidence of good times

ahead for the people of the Point. Forrest Thompson, our new full-time Police Chief is now on board and is making a real effort to get acquainted with every resident. Brett Stump worked with the county, state and Ford Motor Company to get our fully equipped vehicle for much less than was budgeted. Trustee and new Treasurer JC Zalog is going through our village accounting system and setting up improved systems and procedures. Our Community Activities and Development Committee has hit the ground running and we can

expect some exciting ideas and recommendations from them in the near future. Our Wastewater Committee is finalizing innovative engineering work and ordinance drafting that promises to lead the U.S. in effective and affordable methods of decentralized treatment in hilly, rocky, environmentally sensitive areas such as ours. In the midst of all these new things, I'm happy to report we're still on budget and fiscally sound.

Our people are also reaching out to our neighboring areas to explore ways to work to-

gether for our mutual benefit. Our new county leadership is also taking a positive step forward. In their Stone County Futures program, they're looking at ways to improve our quality of life and economy. Kathy Isaacs and others have been asked to play key roles in this process.

I encourage you to attend village meetings and become more involved in the exciting process to make Indian Point the best place it can possibly be!

—Kim

News Briefs...

Environmentally Speaking

Want a good way to combat the few mosquitoes we may have here? Eliminate standing water and put up purple martin and bat houses! Visit the Missouri Dept. of Conservation in person or online for plans.

<http://www.conservation.state.mo.us>

Trustee takes off... and returns safely

Trustee JC Zalog completed his first solo flight July 21st. Zalog has been studying to be a private pilot since February. Zalog said, "Flying has always been a dream of mine. Soloing is a big accomplishment and I'm on my way to join the ranks of other pilots. I'm not sure who was more excited me or my mother-in-law." Zalog's mother-in-law is long time pilot and village resident Jan Hoy-nacki. In first solo tradition Zalog's shirt tail was cut off by his instructor Bill Lee of Hollister.



JC Zalog stands in front of the Cessna 150 he soloed in.

New Police Chief

Forrest Thompson has joined the village staff as our new Chief of Police. Thompson has several years experience with the Stone County Sheriff's Department. He and his family plan to move to the Point in the near future. He hopes to eventually meet every resident and work closely with the community to make this a safer for everyone.

If an emergency situation arises call "911". Calls will be dispatched to Chief Thompson. If Chief Thompson is unavailable the response will be handled by the Stone County Sheriff's department.



Chief of Police Forrest Thompson and the Village of Indian Point's brand new 2002 Ford Explorer patrol vehicle.

Please help us welcome Forrest Thompson to the Village.

Police and Safety

Each month, Chief Thompson will be giving us advice and information in this section.

By Chief Forrest Thompson

If you are going to be away for vacation and would like to have your house put on the "extra patrol list", please call the office.

During the years without a full time police officer, people may have gotten in the habit of doing some things that will now need to be corrected. It has come to my attention that some people on the Point are dumping their trash in dumpsters belonging to, or leased by, others. This is legally considered "Tampering With

Property Of Another In The Second Degree" (RSMO 569.090) and is a Class A Misdemeanor. Persons doing this will be issued a summons and must appear in court. Failure to appear will result in issuance of an arrest warrant. All we want is for people to do the right thing and be considerate of their neighbors. Please be responsible for your own trash.

I plan to help you establish your own Neighborhood Watch in each area of the Village. In the meantime, if you have any special security concerns, please call the office. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents and visitors of Indian Point.

Trustees meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the community room at the Treehouse Condominiums. All residents are encouraged to attend. If you have a comment, suggestion or idea to improve your Village come to the meeting and be heard. You may also or contact the Village office at any time.

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Village Office

Daily noted that the locks on the Village of Indian Point office have been changed and new keys will be distributed by the Village Superintendent to all Trustees and Committee chairs.

Daily noted that several checks had been found in the Village office dating back to last year that had not been cashed, total amount \$1800.00.

New Business

Daily introduced Ray Jones from the Stone County Economic Development to speak on the Highway Transportation Project.

Mr. Jones explained that the Missouri Department of Transportation will be having a meeting on August 8th in Springfield and presented a draft letter that would be sent to MODOT thanking them for a job well-done on the High Road and route 413 that was recently completed and would like for the Trustees as well as other entities in the area to sign the final letter if they so desire. Mr. Jones also explained that the Branson West Alternate Route has been placed back on the 5 year plan and would like everyone to attend the meeting on August 8th to support the plan.

Stump moved to have the Trustees sign the letter after reviewing the final letter that will be sent to MODOT. Zalog seconded the motion, motion carried.

Appointment Chair Planning & Zoning

Daily thanked Greg Maycock for continuing to fulfill the duties of Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission as his term expired November 2002, and asked Greg if he would continue serving as Chair. Maycock stated he would serve.

Zalog moved to have Greg Maycock serve as Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a two year period. Daily seconded the motion, motion carried.

Police Patrol - July 4th- July 5th

It was noted that the Trustees hired a police patrol from Stone County Sheriff's department to patrol the Village from 6:00 p.m. July 4th through 5:00 a.m. July 5th. It was also stated that all suspicious people or vehicles should be reported to the Village office, either by calling or fax the information.

Approval Accounts Payable

Zalog moved to pay the accounts payable for July, 2003. Stump seconded the motion, motion carried.

Zalog moved to pay monthly standard operating expenses as they arrive so the payments will not be late awaiting the next Trustees meeting. Daily seconded the motion, motion carried.

Zalog reported that the 2002 preliminary audit has been sent back and asked Bert Leman to assist in looking at the results of the audit.

Committee Reports

Planning & Zoning- No report

Wastewater Advisory – Greg Maycock

Maycock reported on the attached report and also asked the Trustees to authorize payment for Stone Environmental for the July 15th and July 31st meetings. Discussion was held regarding amounts already paid to Stone Environmental. Greg will investigate the amounts paid to Stone Environmental and report to the Trustees.

Daily moved to pay Stone Environmental an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the July 15th & July 31st meeting. Zalog seconded the motion, motion carried.

Roads – Jim Daily

Daily asked if anyone sees any signs down, notify the office. Lawn mowing is better. It was noted that the mowing service also picks up litter. It was reported that the road by the campground in front of Deer Run has a problem.

Police & Safety – Brett Stump

Stump reported that information was reported under old business. He noted that there were a couple of break-ins and there is a problem, call 911 and they will dispatch to our Police Chief. Jan Hoynacki reported that there was a problem with two vehicles and she reported them to 911. Stump knew about the problem and will gather information and report to Jan.

A question was brought up regarding a Neighborhood Watch program and who would be overseeing the program. Chief Thompson stated he will work on this program.

CAAD – Kent Turner

Turner reported on the first meeting and that the committee is in the process of prioritizing. The committee will meet a minimum of twice a month and sub-committees will be formed. A survey for the new building needs to be completed so the size of the community building can be decided.

Zalog moved to have the property surveyed that was purchased for the Community Building. Stump seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gwen Leman thanked the Trustees for their work and asked about various issues in the area. Daily stated that the issues were in the process of being handled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The preceding is a report of items discussed at the July 8, 2003 Trustee Meeting and is not the approved minutes of the meeting.

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*A great place to live
and vacation*

The Green Thumb Brigade

We will soon be selecting certain trees, plants, flowers and ground cover to feature in a village beautification program. If you have any favorites, please call the office. The goal is to have landscaped areas along our road right-of-ways that enhance the beauty as much of the year as possible, and keeping continuity throughout the village. In making your recommendations, think of timing and length of blooming seasons, color in winter, work and expense of maintenance, overall compatibility with our natural Ozark Mountain lakeside setting, etc. Wouldn't it be nice to have colorful things blooming 8 to 10 months a year and nice greenery the rest of the year?

Activities Coordinator

Jeannie Lucke, a member of our CAAD Committee, has volunteered to organize a variety of fun activities and special events for our residents. Jeannie owned and operated Lucke Tours and Travel in Las Vegas for a number of years. She also handled the social activities for a large senior citizens community. With this background, we're very lucky to have Ms. Lucke! Jeannie reports, "Things like this will take time to grow, but with the new community building coming next year and all the special events and festivals being planned, we're in store for a great time together. If you're willing to help or have ideas for activities, please call the office with your name and phone number."

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Consolidated Wastewater Plan Develops

The Wastewater Advisory Board (WAB) is working on a consolidated plan recommended by Heithaus Engineering and adopted by the Village in 2002. The previously proposed centralized systems were too expensive due to the high cost of digging in the rock throughout the Village to install large collection lines, plus several hundred grinder pumps and expensive lift stations to pump all of the sewage to one large treatment plant. The new approach consolidates the wastewater flows in the Village around natural drainage basins where smaller, fewer and less costly collection lines will deliver the wastewater to several smaller treatment plants

that utilize low-cost, low-maintenance technologies designed for smaller flows. This approach is now recognized by the EPA and Missouri DNR as often the most cost effective plan for small rural communities with smaller flows and numerous physical, environmental and financial constraints.

The WAB is working to develop facility plans for consolidated wastewater systems in six priority areas identified in the Heithaus report. The first facility plan that is being developed is in the Jakes Creek Trail area. This work is being done under a contract with Heithaus approved by

the Trustees in October. The WAB is working to develop ordinances to create and manage the system based upon guidelines developed by the EPA with the help of attorney Elizabeth Dietzmann and Stone Environment, who are specialists in this field.

The WAB will hold a public information session this fall to make a detailed presentation for the Community of their work. All Wastewater Advisory Board meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend. They meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Treehouse Condominiums meeting room.